

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday July 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor , Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Cam Tedford

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yoginder Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED:

Public – 2
Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, July 27, 2026, to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Roden acknowledged friends and neighbours in the area affected by the recent wildfires offering Ashcroft's support in any way that we can noting she is confident that the village and the residents of Ashcroft will support our neighbouring communities and rise to assist through upcoming challenges.

"Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people."

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Email from Jessical Williams from ATL – Offer to collaborate for Rail Safety Week – New Business
M/S Clement / Davenport

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular meeting of Council for Monday July 27, 2026, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED -Unanimous-R-2026-102

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, June 22, 2026 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 22, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-103
2.2	Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Friday July 10, 2026	

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	M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Friday July 10, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	OCP & Zoning have been sent for Referral	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Annual Report Presentation PURPOSE: To present the Village of Ashcroft's 2025 Annual Report for Council's endorsement following the required public inspection period. M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT Council endorse the Village of Ashcroft 2025 Annual Report as presented, in accordance with Section 98 of the Community Charter.</i> <i>Synopsis come and see the report</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-104
6.2	CFO Report – Name Change for Land Titles PURPOSE: To authorize a name change for Land Titles for LOT A DL423 KDYD PLAN 883 located at 406 Brink Street. M/S Clement / Tedford <i>THAT Council approves name change on village owned property from "Village of Ashcroft" to "The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft".</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-105
6.3	CFO Report – Permissive Tax Exemption PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to present the financial implications associated with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113's request for	

	a permissive tax exemption and to seek Council direction on how any resulting reduction in tax revenue would be funded. M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT Council provide direction regarding the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 request for a permissive tax exemption for the 2027 taxation year by selecting one of the following options:</i> 1. <i>Grant the permissive tax exemption, with the resulting reduction in municipal tax revenue offset through reductions to Council's discretionary budget allocations;</i> Discussion: • Council discussed the financial implications of granting the permissive tax exemption. Staff clarified that the approximately \$8,000 reduction in municipal tax revenue would represent approximately a 0.5% tax increase if recovered through taxation, or approximately \$3.66 per household. Alternatively, funding the exemption through Council's discretionary allocations would significantly reduce funds available for grants-in-aid, bursaries and other discretionary expenditures. • Staff advised that the permissive tax exemption application submitted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 was incomplete and did not include all financial information required as part of the application process. Council agreed that complete financial statements and supporting financial information should be provided to allow Council to fully understand the organization's financial position and make an informed decision regarding the request. • Council also discussed potential public consultation options, including a plebiscite, referendum or Alternative Approval Process, and noted concerns regarding timing, anticipated participation and the staff resources required given the upcoming general local election and OCP and Zoning Bylaw adoption processes. • Council discussed alternatives to a permissive tax exemption, including consideration of a grant-in-aid. It was clarified that, under the current permissive tax exemption framework, Council's decision would be to grant the applicable exemption or not grant the exemption. • Staff clarified that the cenotaph is exempt from taxation and that the skateboard park is not subject to taxation.	Motion postponed to August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council
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	M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, consideration of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 request for a permissive tax exemption for the 2027 taxation year be postponed to the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council, and that the Legion be requested to provide the outstanding financial documentation required to complete the application for Council's consideration.</i> Accordingly, consideration of the original motion was postponed to the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-106
FOR INFORMATION		
6.4	BEO Report – 2nd Quarter Report – For Information PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of bylaw enforcement activity for the second quarter of 2026.	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft HUB Society – Request for Village of Ashcroft Resolution in Support of NDIT Grant Application PURPOSE: NDIT requires a resolution in support of the application from the local government – the HUB Society is seeking Councils' endorsement. M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft provide a resolution in support of the Ashcroft HUB Society's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust - Recreation Infrastructure Grant funding stream for partial replacement of the roof and replacement of the HVAC system for the gymnasium.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-107
7.2	Village of Cache Creek Proposal for Inter-Community Bylaw – Joint Fine Collection PURPOSE: To seek Council's direction on whether the Village of Ashcroft wishes to participate in a joint procurement process with the Villages of Cache Creek and Clinton for the engagement of a debt collection agency to recover unpaid bylaw fines. M/S Clement / Tedford	

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	<i>THAT, Council authorize the Village of Ashcroft to participate in the joint procurement process led by the Village of Cache Creek for the engagement of a debt collection agency to recover unpaid bylaw fines; and</i> <i>THAT, Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to participate in the joint evaluation process and, following the selection of a preferred proponent, execute a service agreement on behalf of the Village of Ashcroft.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-108
7.3	CN Rail – Rail Safety Week 2026 Proclamation Request PURPOSE: To seek Council's approval to proclaim September 21-27, 2026 as Rail Safety Week in the Village of Ashcroft in support of national rail safety awareness initiatives. M/S Roden/ Tedford <i>THAT, Council proclaim September 21-27, 2026 as Rail Safety Week in the Village of Ashcroft; and</i> <i>THAT, the Mayor be authorized to sign the Rail Safety Week Proclamation.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-109
7.4	UBCM Small Talk Forum 2026 – Request for Discussion Topic or Success Stories PURPOSE: To provide Council with information regarding the 2026 UBCM Small Talk Forum and seek Council's input on potential discussion topics or success stories to share at the Forum. M/S Clement/ Tedford Receive for Information Discussion; • Council discussed the successful management of the Village's water meter installation project, particularly the importance of transparency and ongoing communication in mitigating potential conflict. Council noted that regular meetings with the contractor and Province have helped staff effectively manage the project, monitor the budget, address issues as they arise, and achieve positive results. • As the water meter installation project will not be fully completed in time for the 2026 UBCM Small Talk Forum, Council discussed potentially presenting the project as a success story at the SILGA Convention in the spring, with consideration given to a future UBCM presentation. It was noted that the Village's experience may be beneficial to other communities undertaking similar water metering initiatives in the near future.	

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7.5	Regional District of Central Okanagan - LGCAP Funding Continuation	
7.6	District of Oak Bay – LGCAP Funding Continuation	
7.7	BC Register of Historic Places – Letter	
7.8	BC Secures Historic Deal with Ottawa	
7.9	Town of Lake Cowichan - Elect Respect	
7.10	TNRD Film Commission Updates	
7.11	Follow-up Letter Coordination, Public Records, and Municipal Legal Defence from Organizer, Speaking Out Loud Society	
7.12	HVC Teck – Quarterly Update	
7.13	Minister of Health – New Licensing Bylaws Approved by College of Physicians and Surgeons	
7.14	Barriere Library Offers New Meeting Room Technology	
7.15	TNRD – Results of Alternative Approval Process for Regional Search and Rescue Hall 86 responses received (3 were spoiled) needed 14,000 to halt process It was noted that KSAR supported and assisted with evacuation in Clinton	
7.16	SILGA – Letter from Bill Sarai, President; Re: Voluntary and Involuntary Complex Care	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	Email from Jessical Williams from ATL – Offer to collaborate for Rail Safety Week Mayor Roden noted that she is a committee member for the Operation Life Saver initiative Direction to staff – engage with ATL to build awareness M/S Roden / Davenport <i>Receive for information</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-110
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Mayor Roden noted that the TNRD – AAP Passing for KSAR – moves to design stage	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement – HAWC Held AGM – slight change to the board Carmen Ranta is now a director UPCC changes – renovation, working towards utilizing the clinic space	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford – Verbal Seniors Report Councillor Tedford noted that today applications open for the new Thomspson View Residences - 7 years of hard work in the making Attended the Open House with the Seniors Advocate Dan Leitt and MLA Lorne Doerkson at the HUB, with approximately 32 people in attendance. • Discussion included accessibility concerns within the community, including sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and access to local businesses. Approximately 100 signatures have been collected on a petition regarding local accessibility concerns. • The Seniors Advocate discussed a number of issues affecting seniors, particularly those living in rural communities, including transportation, access to health care and pharmaceuticals, housing, home support, long-term care, income supports and property tax deferment programs. • Discussion also addressed ageism and social perceptions of older adults, including assumptions regarding seniors' abilities, independence, use of technology and driving. It was noted that seniors should not be defined solely by their age and that greater awareness of age-related stereotypes is needed. • Concerns were raised regarding the affordability and availability of home support and the length of time seniors may wait for long-term care placements (average wait is 10 months). Information was also provided regarding programs and resources available through the Office of the Seniors Advocate. • The Seniors Advocate and attendees expressed a willingness to continue discussions and hear concerns affecting seniors in rural communities.	



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12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday July 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, July 27, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor